



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2014/046

Geneva, 13 October 2014

CONCERNING:

GAMBIA

Recommendation to suspend trade for non-submission of annual reports

1. In Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP16) on *National reports*, the Conference of the Parties:

INSTRUCTS the Standing Committee to determine, on the basis of reports presented by the Secretariat, which Parties have failed, for three consecutive years and without having provided adequate justification, to provide the annual reports required under Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a), of the Convention within the deadline (or any extended deadline) provided in the present Resolution;

RECOMMENDS that Parties not authorize trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with any Party that the Standing Committee has determined has failed, for three consecutive years and without having provided adequate justification, to provide the annual reports required under Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a), of the Convention within the deadline (or any extended deadline) provided in the present Resolution.

2. At the 65th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC65, Geneva, July 2014), the Secretariat informed the Committee of the Parties that had not yet submitted their annual reports for three consecutive years and of the measures taken to encourage them to submit their reports.
3. The Committee determined that Gambia had failed to provide its annual reports for three consecutive years without adequate justification and agreed that the Secretariat should issue a Notification to the Parties recommending that Parties not authorize any trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Gambia, unless it submitted its missing annual reports to the Secretariat within 60 days of SC65. Therefore the missing reports have not yet been submitted, the Secretariat hereby informs the Parties that, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP16), the Conference of the Parties recommends that Parties not authorize trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Gambia until further notice.
5. Parties are reminded that the complete list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade is available on the CITES website under [Documents / Trade suspensions](#).